



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION  
MEETING HELD ONLINE AT THE LINK BELOW:**

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**Thursday, July 30, 2020**



Attachment: [Video](#)

Present: Chair Lael Rubin, Vice-Chair Hernan Vera, Robert Bonner, Patti Giggans, James P. Harris, Sean Kennedy, Priscilla Ocen, Xavier Thompson, Casimiro Tolentino and Executive Director Brian K. Williams

Absent:

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lael Rubin at 9:00 am. Chair Rubin acknowledged the passing of Congressman John Lewis and requested a moment of silence in his honor.

Following the moment of silence, Chair Rubin welcomed everyone and announced August 20, 2020, as the next Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) meeting date. Chair Rubin thanked Patti Giggans and Robert Bonner for their previous roles as Chair of the COC. Chair Rubin also thanked the Executive Director Brian Williams and staff for their hard work and dedication.

Following acknowledgments, Chair Rubin requested staff member Ingrid Williams to take roll, and Commissioner Kennedy to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Rubin provided an overview of the virtual meeting guidelines.

- Approval of July 16, 2020, meeting minutes

On a motion of Commissioner Bonner seconded by Commissioner Tolentino there being no objection, the July 16, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

**[SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS](#)**

**2. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- 2a.** Update from Secret Deputy Subgroups Ad Hoc Committee

**As Chair of the Committee, Chair Rubin reported that the Secret Deputy**

Subgroups Ad Hoc Committee was established in October 2018, to provide input to the RAND Corporation as they conduct their study. Chair Rubin reported that the committee met with RAND and was informed that the study they anticipated submitting in September will be delayed until January 2021, due to COVID-19.

Following Chair Rubin's Secret Deputy Subgroups update, Inspector General Max Huntsman provided a brief historical overview of Secret Deputy Subgroups.

Mr. Huntsman expressed concern over the Sheriff's failure to implement the written policy on Secret Deputy Subgroups. He reported numerous requests have been made to the Sheriff requesting information on Secret Deputy Subgroups, with no success.

Mr. Huntsman reported that an investigation is being conducted at the request of County Counsel based on complaints received, however, the Sheriff's Department refuses to cooperate in the investigation.

Following Mr. Huntsman's statements, the floor was opened for discussion and questions from Commissioners.

Commissioner Giggans recommended inviting the Sheriff to come and speak on the implementation of the Secret Deputy policy, due to the delay of RAND's study.

Commissioner Kennedy reported 17 Secret Deputy Subgroups, historical and ongoing, had been identified by him and his students. Commissioner Kennedy reported the groups generally form in low-income areas such as East Los Angeles, South Los Angeles, Compton and the Antelope Valley. Commissioner Kennedy recommended hosting Town Hall meetings in these areas to hear the concerns of the residents.

There were 9 members of the public who addressed the Commission.

- 2b. Discussion and updates regarding the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) efforts to address COVID-19 issues within the jails

Following public comment on item 2a, Chair Rubin addressed the Commission and gave a brief update on COVID-19 in the jails.

Chair Rubin stated that the COVID-19 report is in the final stage and will be presented to the Commission soon. Chair Rubin thanked staff Daniel Delgadillo for his assistance and Commissioner Ocen for her input in drafting the report.

Commissioner Ocen raised the question regarding age, race, circumstances and the number of in-custody deaths due to COVID-19. Commissioner Ocen raised concern over the lack of management with COVID-19 in the jails.

Chair Rubin requested the Executive Director to obtain information in writing from Assistant Sheriff Chase on the age, race, circumstances, as well as the number of inmates in custody who have died due to COVID-19.

Commissioner Ocen requested Correctional Health Services and Office of Diversion and Re-entry to be present at the next meeting.

There were 10 members of the public who addressed the Commission.

The meeting recessed at 10:26 am

Open session reconvened at 10:41 am.

Present were Chair Lael Rubin, Vice-Chair Hernan Vera, Robert Bonner, Patti Giggans, James P. Harris, Sean Kennedy, Priscilla Ocen, Xavier Thompson, Casimiro Tolentino, and Executive Director Brian K. Williams.

Chair Rubin noted that Vice-Chair Vera has joined the meeting.

**2c. Discussion regarding the Use of Force Recommendations**

Chair Rubin introduced Commissioner Bonner as the lead of the Use of Force (UOF) Ad Hoc Committee. Commissioner Bonner opened the discussion by providing a brief background regarding the UOF Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations.

Commissioner Bonner noted full adoption of the UOF recommendations was made by the Commission at the June 18, 2020 COC meeting, and that since that time a request was made by Lt. Satterfield to add additional language to reform recommendations 1 and 3. Commissioner Bonner read over the requested language and also identified additional recommendations 7, 10, 13, 16, 23 and 24 to be implemented.

Following Commissioner Bonner's brief update, Lt. Satterfield introduced himself to the Commission and identified himself as the UOF subject matter expert (SME). He informed the Commission that an SME will always be available to attend the COC meetings by contacting Captain Rodney Moore of the Audit and Accountability Bureau (AAB).

Commissioner Bonner noted for the record that the COC is requesting the Sheriff himself be present at the next meeting to address the Commission on his Deputy Cliques policy.

Lt. Satterfield reported that LASD and the UOF Ad Hoc Committee have had good dialogue. Lt. Satterfield requested amendments to recommendations 1 and 3. Lt. Satterfield provided a brief justification for the amendment and noted that carotid restraint will only be used during life-threatening situations. Lt. Satterfield shared statistical data over ten years on the use of the carotid artery restraint.

Commissioner Ocen shared her concerns and opposed the amendments.  
Commissioner Harris expressed his concerns and approved the amendments.

Lt. Satterfield stated that Sheriff Villanueva has revised the policy to include that only upper body restraints can be used and is currently awaiting final approval.

Lt. Satterfield stated that Sheriff Villanueva has implemented a policy with regards to reform # 7, under policy 3-01/050.83 titled "Employee groups that violate rights of other employees or members of the public."

There were 9 members of the public who addressed the Commission

Following public comment on item 2c, Chair Rubin called for a motion to delete the amendments to recommendation 1 and 3. On a motion by Commissioner Ocen and seconded by Commissioner Giggans, after a roll call vote in which Commissioner Bonner and Harris opposed, the motion passed. Commissioner Kennedy was absent at the time of the vote.

Commission Ocen requested Lt. Satterfield to note any objections to the additional recommendations.

Lt. Satterfield referred to his previous statements and noted that LASD can work with the other recommendations.

On a motion of Commissioner Bonner seconded by Commissioner Tolentino, there being no objection recommendations 7, 10, 13, 16, 23 and 24 passed. Commissioners Kennedy and Thompson were absent at the time of the vote.

Following the vote, Chair Rubin thanked Lt. Satterfield for his input and moved on to item 3 Commission updates.

### [SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS](#)

### 3. COMMISSION UPDATES

- Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Brian Williams thanked Ingrid Williams and Captain Rodney Moore for ensuring that representation from the LASD attend the Commission meetings. Mr. Williams informed the Commission about the yearly National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Conference attended by the COC and invited the Commission to join in as the COC staff will be participating in a session on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at noon.

Executive Director reported that Ingrid Williams was promoted to the position that was vacated by Christine Aque. Mr. Williams reported that the Commission is working on filling the Management Analyst position.

- Commissioner Comments/Ad Hoc Committee Update

Commissioner Tolentino reported that the Inmate Welfare Fund Ad Hoc Committee met in January. Commissioner Tolentino reported that LASD has been keeping the committee updated. Commissioner Tolentino reported that LASD is still negotiating a telephone provider and inmates are allowed one free phone call, however, a request was made to extend the time due to the pandemic.

Commissioner Bonner expressed concern over a possible delay in issuing Body Worn Cameras (BWC) to patrol deputies. Commissioner Bonner requested placing BWC on the next agenda and requesting an update from LASD, in addition to a Chief Executive Office (CEO) representative to speak on the budget.

Mr. Williams reported the Sheriff's Department confirmed at the Public Safety Cluster meeting that they are on schedule to have BWC available during the first week of October.

- Inspector General's Report

Inspector General Huntsman reported the investigation on Banditos in the criminal case ended with a District Attorney (DA) reject. Mr. Huntsman reported the final report will be submitted to the Sheriff for approval to distribute, if denied, a revised report will be sent out.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were 5 members of the public who addressed the Commission.

#### **5. MISCELLANEOUS**

- Adjournment

Chair Rubin adjourned the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission meeting at 12:31.